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German Democratic Republic

METAL FOIL PRODUCTION AT MERSEBURG

[redacted] Selbmann, Minister of Heavy Industry [redacted] (now Minister of Metallurgy and Ore Mining) [redacted] deals with steps that have been taken to overcome production difficulties at the foil rolling mill Merseburg. The following items are included:

At present there are 35 winding drums at Merseburg. 50 foil winding spools (Folienwickelmaentel) made of cast iron have been ordered.

Oil that was supposed to be shipped from West Germany has not been received. Attempts have been made to obtain oil through the VVB (Federation of People Owned Enterprises) Non-Ferrous Metals and the Main Administration for Chemicals.

Merseburg has been able to manufacture foil between 10 and 11 μ , but this foil is not of perfect quality.

A strip cutting machine has been delivered.

The annealing furnace delivered from the Sigmund Works in Aue needs repair. The pipes cannot withstand high temperatures.

There have been difficulties in obtaining substitute rollers for the foil equipment.

An optimeter [sic] to measure foils has been received from Zeiss-Jena.

A tensile-testing machine is still needed.

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